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THE Florida State Press association will take its annual outing commencing October 8th. The trip will be to Richmond, and adjoining country. The transportation companies have extended the courtesies of their respective lines to the newspaper men and their families, and the outing promises to be one of the pleasantest the association has ever had.

POLITICS should be forgotten in the present strike between the mine workers and the coal trust, and every influence ought to be brought to bear favoring fair arbitration. Anyone opposing arbitration is false to the people of this country. The demands of the mine workers are just and right, and they have been made in a respectful way. They have displayed their patient courage and self-restraint, which should appeal to the owners of the mines, and the former deserve to be treated fairly and justly. The principle of arbitration is one of the most noble developments of modern civilization, and no man can reject it in an industrial or commercial way without inviting criticism and condemnation of his cause.

WILL anyone advance one good reason why the voters of Brevard should not be in favor of Jacksonville for the state capital? There may be reasons why some counties should vote for Tallahassee, but aside from those it seems to us that all others should favor the only city that can win against Tallahassee, which is Jacksonville. Consider this matter fairly now, for if you should insist on voting for any place but Jacksonville you would aid in the movement to spend enough money on improving the old capital building to almost build a new one and retain the capital in a remote part of the state for many years to come. Remember that if Tallahassee wins, she will be in for the expenditure of a large sum of money either to repair the present capital or build a new one in its stead. Don't vote against your interests and find fault with such action after it is too late. The 6th day of November decides the matter, one way or another, for many years to come.

THE Republicans talk of McKinley prosperity and in answer to the query regarding the advance in prices of commodities of daily use speak of the increase of wages as an offset. Let us see how this works out. At Anderson, Indiana, the employees of the American Steel and Wire trust, after a long period of idleness, have resumed work at a reduction of 7½ per cent. under the wages received when the mill closed down. In other words, the prosperity wages now received by the workmen will be 30 to 45 cents lower than the panic wages received by the same men in 1893,

when nails were selling at 95 cents to \$1.10 per keg. Now they are quoted at \$2.65. The manufacturers of Fall River, Mass., will call for a reduction in wages of 11 1-9 per cent., to take place soon, which will affect 1,000,000 spindles. The glass trust has increased the price of their products in some instances 100 per cent., still they refuse to grant any increase of wages and 300 skilled workmen, members of the Ornamental Glass Workers' union, in Chicago, joined the ranks of the idle Monday of last week.

The State Capital.

The Kissimmee Valley-Gazette puts the capital question very plainly as follows:

Last year Tallahassee tried to get \$50,000 to repair the old Capitol. If she should win in the primary, what do you suppose she would ask for? Do you think she would be content with \$50,000? With the Democratic party behind her, and the legislature instructed by the platform to carry out the result of the primary, do you suppose for one moment she would be satisfied with her first demand? Isn't it reasonable to believe that she would seize the opportunity to double the sum, and settle the capital issue for a generation by demanding \$100,000?

Now, which would you rather do? Pay your share of taxes to repair an old building for \$100,000? Or pay twice or three times as much to build a new capital at Jacksonville? You will have to pay out a lot of money either way. A splendid building large enough to accommodate the needs of government can be built for \$250,000. Isn't it more economical and better business to pay a little more for a suitable building in a convenient, accessible place than to pay out a lot of money to patch up an antiquated building in an inconvenient, inaccessible place? That is the question in a nutshell.

OAK HILL.

Mr. H. G. Putnam has returned home from a pleasant visit with his relatives in Georgia.

Mr. T. P. Howes went to South Jacksonville Tuesday as relief agent during October.

Mrs. Fair and the children arrived Saturday and are boarding with Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Barker.

Mrs. F. W. Bright and children arrived last Thursday after a pleasant vacation near Asheville, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McPherson, of Stuart, spent a few days here last week with their daughter, Mrs. Larry Wright.

The Sunday school met last Sunday to organize for the winter, and there was a very good attendance for the first meeting.

School began Monday and the children all seem pleased to resume their studies again, and we anticipate a very pleasant session.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Barker passed through here Monday on their way to Jensen from North Carolina, where they have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Rideout, who were formerly residents of Oak Hill.

ROSELAND.

Mr. A. E. Morgan has returned to Melbourne.

Mr. S. Davis has been here hauling crossties to the railroad.

Mr. W. P. Underwood has ordered a Gray engine for his launch.

Mr. E. M. Stokes is putting up a house on land acquired from Mr. D. Cain.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. King came up Monday from Wabasso in their launch to look after their bees here.

KLONDIKE.

Steve Morrell was shopping in at Sebastian on Monday.

Mr. John C. Jones, of Titusville, returned Monday and is busy planting out peppers and egg plants.

Julius Johnson, Klondike's mascot, has returned and accepted a position as driver for the Klondike express.

Messrs. E. C. Walker and Chas. Harris were over prospecting last week. They were surprised at the rapid growth of this place.

The much needed rains have arrived. This place is free from the troublesome skeets that are visiting the coast towns since the recent showers.

Judge Jones made an impromptu call Sunday, coming out over the new road from Woodley. He says it is much better and shorter than the road from Sebastian.

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

The Voters Will Soon Be Called Upon to Ballot For or Against.

The properly qualified voters of Florida will have a chance at the November election of expressing an opinion in regard to four proposed constitutional amendments. In substance they are as follows:

Section 25 of Article II, which now gives the legislature authority to provide by general law for the incorporation of "such educational, agricultural, mechanical and other useful companies or associations as may be deemed necessary," will include in the list transportation and mercantile companies or associations, with a provision that it "shall not pass any special law on any such subject, and any special law shall be of no effect, provided, however, that nothing herein shall preclude special legislation as to any university or the public schools, or as to a ship canal across the state." This is apparently a very good amendment and can be voted for with perfect confidence.

Section 4 of Article VII, relating to the formation of new counties, will provide that new counties shall be entitled to one representative each "in excess of the limit prescribed in Section 2 of this article," that limit being 68 members in all. Most of the counties in South Florida are still too large and we can see no harm in adopting this amendment.

Section 5 of Article VIII, providing for the appointment of county commissioners by the governor, will read as follows:

Section 5. Immediately upon the ratification of this amendment, the county commissioners of the several counties of this state shall divide their respective counties into five commissioner's districts, to be numbered from one to five inclusive, and each district shall be, as nearly as possible, equal in proportion to population, and thereafter there shall be in each of such districts a county commissioner, who shall be elected by the qualified electors of said county, at the time and place of voting for other county officers, and shall hold his office for two years. The powers, duties and compensation of such county commissioners shall be prescribed by law; Provided, That nothing herein shall effect the terms of such division; Provided, further, That all vacancies occurring by limitations of terms, or from death, resignation or otherwise, before the election of 1902, shall be filled by the governor as now provided by law.

This is an amendment that will be voted in the affirmative in the greater portion of South and Middle Florida, and should be carried. It brings the government closer to the people, where it should be, and tends to do away with centralization.

Section 12 of Article XVI, relating to the state seal and emblem, will be prescribed as follows:

The state flag shall be of the following proportions and description: Depth to be three-fourths length of fly. The seal of the state of diameter one-third the fly, in the center of a white ground. Red bars, in width one-eighth the fly, extending from each corner toward the center to the outer rim of the seal.

The voter can use his judgment on this matter as his fancy dictates, it is a matter of no great importance, and no harm will come whether adopted or not.

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Weekly Weather Report.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WEATHER BUREAU.

Comparative statement of temperatures and rainfall for the week ending Tuesday Oct. 2, 1900.

	1900		1899	
DATE.	MAX.	MIN.	MAX.	MIN.
Sept. 26.	85	79	85	72
" 27.	87	78	85	72
" 28.	87	77	84	72
" 29.	88	73	85	72
" 30.	87	74	84	72
Oct. 1.	85	75	84	71
" 2.	85	72	83	71

Total rainfall for the week. .77 inch.

Departure from the normal rainfall for the week, minus 1.85 inches.

Departure from normal rainfall since Jan. 1st, 1900, minus 3.98 inches.

HAL P. HARDIN,
Observer Weather Bureau.

Jupiter, Fla., Oct. 2, 1900.

Hope Barnett, who fought a street duel with Edward Stanford last week in Tampa, is dead. Stanford, as was reported, died Friday night, and Barnett died Saturday morning. Charles Barnett is in a serious condition. A political feud is said to have been the cause of the trouble.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents, guaranteed, at B. R. Wilson & Son's drug store.

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